

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing configuration of calling services for a plurality of telephone devices belonging to a subscriber each associated with a network entity that provides the calling service for that telephone device, comprising:
 - receiving a request from the subscriber to configure a calling service;
 - determining the individual configuration changes that are required to fulfill the subscriber's request for each telephone device of the plurality of devices; and
 - distributing the individual configuration changes for each telephone device to the network entity that provides the calling service for that telephone device.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - retrieving address information for the network entity that provides the calling service for each telephone device of the plurality of telephone devices from a database.
3. (original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
 - retrieving the current configuration for the calling service from the database; and
 - updating the database with the individual configuration changes.
4. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein the request is received via an interactive voice response system.
5. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein the request is received via the Internet.
6. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of distributing the individual configuration changes includes:
 - calling the network entity that provides the calling service for at least one of the telephone devices of the plurality of telephone devices; and

providing the individual configuration changes for the at least one of the telephone devices of the plurality of telephone devices to the network entity using dual tone multi frequency tones.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

determining whether the individual configuration changes will result in logical inconsistencies in the operation of any of the calling services to which the subscriber is subscribed; and

advising the subscriber of any logical inconsistencies that are determined to result.

8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the calling service is outgoing call blocking.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the calling service is call forwarding.

10. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the calling service is incoming call blocking.

11. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the calling service is priority ringing.

12. (original) A method for providing calling services, comprising:

receiving an incoming call directed to a telephone number;

determining a first telephone device to which the telephone number is assigned;

determining a subscriber to which the first telephone device belongs;

retrieving from a database calling service configuration information for a plurality of telephone devices belonging to the subscriber; and

determining, based on the retrieved calling service configuration information for a second telephone device, where to direct the incoming call.

13. (original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:

directing the incoming call to a third telephone device.

14. (original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:

directing the incoming call to the second telephone device and a third telephone device.

15. (original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:

blocking the incoming call to the first telephone device based on a call blocking list associated with the second telephone device.

16. (original) A method for providing calling services, comprising:

receiving an indication from a particular telephone device that a subscriber wants to place a call;

identifying the subscriber;

retrieving calling service configuration information for a plurality of telephone devices associated with the subscriber;

providing calling services to the subscriber based on the retrieved configuration information for a telephone device other than the particular telephone device from which the subscriber is placing the call.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of identifying the subscriber includes:

identifying the subscriber based on the particular telephone device.

18. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of identifying the subscriber includes:

prompting the subscriber to provide authentication information;

receiving authentication information from the subscriber;
identifying the subscriber based on authentication information.

19. (original) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
preventing calls from being placed to any of a plurality of particular
telephone numbers;
wherein the retrieved calling service configuration information included
the plurality of particular telephone numbers.

20. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of providing calling
services includes:
prompting the subscriber with additional calling options associated with
the plurality of telephone devices assigned to the subscriber.

21. (original) The method of claim 20 wherein the additional calling options
include using a repeat dial service to ring back a telephone device other than the
particular telephone device from which the subscriber is placing the call.

22. (original) The method of claim 20 wherein the additional calling options
include receiving an indication of an incoming call on a telephone device other than the
particular telephone device from which the subscriber is placing the call.